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LETTER DATED 1 MARCH 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 28 February 1995 from H.E. Mr. Fares Boueiz, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon, addressed to you, concerning the naval blockade enforced by Israel on the southern port cities of Lebanon and the continuous Israeli aggression against Lebanon and its citizens.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be distributed urgently as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Samir MOUBARAK  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 28 February 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Lebanon addressed to the President of the Security Council

The naval blockade enforced by Israeli naval forces on the port of Tyre has now entered into its third week and has been extended in the last 48 hours to include ports further north on the Lebanese coast such as Sarafand, Sidon and Damour, whereas Israeli naval forces daily patrol the whole length of the Lebanese coast. Meanwhile, bombardments by Israel of villages to the north of areas it occupies in South Lebanon continue unabated and threats by Israeli officials of still worse punishment to befall Lebanon are widely circulated by the media.

The loss of life, the destruction of property, the disruption of the lives of hundreds of thousands of civilians living in the western Beqaa and South Lebanon now seriously aggravated by the interdiction imposed by the Israeli naval blockade on thousands of fishermen to carry on their only gainful activity, are all acts of blatant Israeli defiance of the precepts of international law and Security Council resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978) and 509 (1982). They are in no way justified by any recent acts of provocation.

Furthermore, the naval blockade now imposed on the southern ports is intended to put new pressure on Lebanon in an attempt to destabilize the country and inhibit the reconstruction programme under way.

Such acts run counter to the interest of the international community and endanger the peace process to which Lebanon is committed.

May I therefore request that all necessary action be taken by the Security Council to bring about the lifting of the illegal blockade of Lebanese ports, the cessation of bombardments of civilians and the respect by Israel of Lebanon's sovereignty, territorial integrity and territorial waters in accordance with Security Council resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978) and 509 (1982).

(Signed) Fares BOUEIZ

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